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TRAIN KILLED 3 BOYS

Six In Party, Four On Track On Way To Harvest Fields Their Homes In St. Louis

Thursday evening of last week as C. C. Parks was returning from a visit to Corder, in Lafayette county, he witnessed a sight which he will not soon forget.

There were six boys, the survivors claiming they were on their way to the harvest field in Kansas and had been put off a train east of Marshall. They also say that five of the party were from East St. Louis, the other one a stray the others had fallen in with enroute.

Charlie Parks says as the train, running at a good speed, rounded a curve, frantic whistling and sudden checking of the cars told all passengers that something unusual was taking place. He says the train was 'brot to a stop and crew and passengers went back to a scene of horrible proportions. Three boys lay headless and mangled. The head of one being cut off at the neck, another, the entire back half of his head gone and the other with his head sliced off diagonally from the forehead to the back of his neck, each of the cuts being as smooth as if done with a sharp broad ax. One of the victims had been mangled under the train until it appeared as if every bone in his body had been broken several times.

Charlie says the train was stopped not more than fifty yards from the nearest boy and that the engineer could not possibly have seen them on the track much more than that distance from them.

Mr. Parks says that the one surviving boy was a short distance up the track from the killed and unhurt, and he said there were two in an orchard, the fence of which was on top of a bank. Parks and others went up the bank and found the two boys asleep under an apple tree, waked them up and told them of what had happened. They were overcome when they saw their companions and said they had been so tired and worn out that they climbed the bank and immediately fell asleep, so sound asleep that they did not hear the shrill whistle of warning to the others nor the noise of the horrified passengers.

The boys killed, so say the two survivors of the party of five from E. St. Louis, were, Mayo Smith 17, Orville Croissant 18, and Clarence Pirtel 17, and the St. Louis papers confirm the names.

Mr. Parks says that a deck of cards was strewn about the scene along with other belongings of the lads, and the passengers were inclined to think foul play had been responsible for the boys on the track, but the inquest disclosed that the four boys were asleep but not intending to sleep when they sat down on the track to rest, declining to go to the orchard with the two, fearing chiggers.

The parents of the boys are well to do people in E. St. Louis according to newspapers, who did not know of the whereabouts of the children until the catastrophe was reported.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schwalje have located in Kansas City where he will engage in the bakery business. It was greatly hoped that Mr. and Mrs. Schwalje would continue to live in this community and assist in running the big farm west of town but John likes to paddle in dough and stay where he won't run over the dump in a Lizzie.

Mexican Trouble Magnified to Divert Attention From League And Alliance Interest.

Congressman Charges That Race Riots in Washington Are Attributable to Volstead Bill.

Ex-President Taft Takes Hand In League of Nations Proposals.

Mistreatment of U. S. Prisoners in France Charged.

Official Reports Submitted to House Investigators Say Americans Were Beaten and Confined in Hospitals.

Donnellson, Ills. Bank Robbed of \$110,000.

It is becoming apparent that the U. S. will have to take some action to protect Americans in Mexico, but the situation is but little worse than it has been for months and the publicity unusual is conceived to be for the purpose of slanting the public mind from the league of nations proposal by president Wilson.

A congressman from California declared in the House Wednesday that the race riots in Washington were directly attributable to the drastic Volstead

bill and were indicative of the whirlwind which would follow adoption of the prohibition enforcement bill which provides that intoxicants can be kept in home and used for family and guest purposes but only those who have it are privileged under the bill.

Ex-president Taft has entered the league of nations fight and says there are six changes necessary in the covenant. Ex-president Taft is the head of the organization known as The

League For The Enforcement Of Peace, at the request of which league and upon representations made by it that the great majority in this country were not only pleased with the daylight saving bill but wish that it be retained, the president vetoed the repeal of the bill by congress.

Chief of Staff, General Payton March has produced before a congressional committee evidence of most brutal treatment of American prisoners in France. Gen. Pershing cabled com-

plaint to the secretary of war. It is claimed that conditions rivaling Siberian prison camps are to be found in France. French officers beat American prisoners and throw them in hospitals, from which they seldom emerge. Soldiers convicted have their property taken and it is frequently not returned.

Bank robbers got \$110,000 in Liberty bonds and negotiable securities from a Donnellson, Ills. bank Tuesday night. The safe with much cash was not broken because of alarm.

Farm Bureau Notes

By Sam Jordan

CORN SHOW THIS FALL.

Will we have one? What good would a corn show do us? The first question must be answered by those who should be interested.

The second one has many answers. Maybe to many it would be of no value whatever.

There are those who seem to attach no value to the church, or the school; or to good roads, nor to any other thing that may run contrary to their own ideas of citizenship, or to their notions of what most benefits their purse.

A person who is wrong may not be able to see the common good is for him. If the common good is not good for him then his activities, if he has any, are not for the good of the community in which he lives, and when his case stands thus his community is better off when the undertaker has had him in charge for a few hours.

A corn show brings the people together to compare results. We can thus see where we stand in a good race. A corn show helps to improve our corn and good corn means good hogs and folks.

This county can and should grow as good corn as can be grown anywhere, but for two years our results were cut short through no fault of the grower. A corn show helps us to locate good seed corn, and if we watch the judge and ask lots of questions we learn what he terms a good ear. What he terms a good ear may or may not be so.

The value of a seed ear is in its power to produce a big yield of good corn in comparison with other ears. Can you determine this quality by looking at the ear? We claim that you cannot any more than you can tell a man's quality by taking a look at him.

Both the corn and folks may look good, while in fact they

may be "bloomin" failures.

We would like to talk to you more about this but newspaper space will not admit it, but let us have a corn show and we can then talk about it.

There are good corn prospects all over the county so let us think it over and reach a decision at our coming county meeting to be held in the near future.

The office is now being asked about rams. If you have one for sale or trade or if you want one we may be able to help you.

TERRACING

Those who desire to do some terracing this fall should see us and make plans, so that we may help you.

STATE FAIR, AUG. 9-16th

Only about 65 miles to the state's greatest show. Chariton County should see it.

If you want to go maybe we can assist in some way. We know the road.

John Hurt and family left last Friday in their car for a visit to relatives in Kansas City and St. Joe.

Dr. Ned and Prof. Geo. Carlstead left Monday in a Henry for Texas. They will look after their oil properties in Kansas and the Lone Star State on the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Holden were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wright the latter part of last week. Little Miss Jo Charlie Wright returned to her home with them after several days visit to relatives and friends at Prairie Hill.

A. C. Yocum of Bynumville escaped serious results from a rusty nail which penetrated his foot some time ago. A. C. among other antidotes, used hot water. Harvest came on and he was impatient to lend a hand, so he kept adding hot water to the foot bath until he all but cooked his antipestic and is now using crutches under both arms.

Engagement Announced

On Friday morning July 18, Mrs. C. A. Chapman entertained with a breakfast announcing the engagement of her sister Miss Emma Horsley Chapman to Mr. Thomas Hart Lawrence of Tyler, Texas. The wedding will take place September 9.

Five courses were served, the color scheme being red and green; with a center piece of red sweet peas.

Just before the last course Van Cleve Lotter, small cousin of the bride to be presented each guest with a red rose bud to the stem of which was tied a small red heart with the names and date of the wedding.

The out of town guest was Mrs. Herman Lotter of Moberly. Other guests were Misses Jane Anderson, Sally Hill, Myrtle Miller, Nita Bayne, Carrie Wheeler, Mesdames Will Moore, C. F. Lamkin.

Stock Market.

K. City Wednesday

Top corn steers \$18.25; top hogs \$23.15 and top lambs \$16.85

Wallace Agee went to Kansas City the latter part of last week to visit his wife who is not in such good health.

Arthur Friesz went to Kansas City this week and supplied himself with a big truck to haul off the crop which it would require all winter to deliver by wagon and team.

There were four from this county who 'joined' the Shriners at Brookfield last week, Dr. Price and Grover Moritz of Triplet, Lute Wright and Warner White of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Meyer of Wien, Mr. and Mrs. Logan Stanard, Geo. Passig, Victor Jackson, Fletcher Wilson and Miss Esther Lehnhoff of Marceline visited Fred Minor and wife and attended S. S. convention at Dalton Sunday.

Surprise Birthday Party

Mrs. James O'Bryan was - years old last Saturday. Her neighbors and close friends desired to make a day of it to be remembered but preferred that she know nothing of it until they had made such arrangements as they wished for a surprise. Her son Buster was let in the secret and Saturday morning he brot his mother to town, upon one pretext and another keeping her here until about noon. When they got home, a big dinner was on the table and a number of her friends there to enjoy it with her.

A number of souvenirs of the day were presented to the popular woman and the greater part of the afternoon spent in high enjoyment of the occasion and friends departing, wished the best of health and long years of prosperity and enjoyment for their hostess.

Christian Church

The subject for next Sunday morning is "Christian Manhood, Described in the Sermon on the Mount."

At night the pastor will speak at the union service, the subject being "Some of My Experiences in South America."

All are invited to attend these services.

W. J. Burner, Pastor.

The editors and props. of the Press-Spectator are spreading around right smartly when in the presence of other country journalists. The entire building used by the big 'small town' paper has been renovated, deodorized and disinfected, painted, plastered and papered, and the employees required to shine up before breakfast and after supper, at all times habitate in clean bibs and tuckers and move on the order of a double barrel hump. Brunswicker please take notice. We are one and undivided.

YOUNG RAILWAY VICTIM

Young Unidentified Man Killed At Dalton Saturday Night. Found Sunday Morning.

A young man about 19 years of age was found dead at the end of the switch in Dalton Sunday morning by Geo. Hellmer was just let out of jail here who was going up the track.

The young man evidently fell off of a freight train as a party in Dalton thought he saw the same boy get on a freight which uncoupled at Dalton and left six cars one of which he was on and it is the supposition that he waited for another one. Wabash Detective Trench came down from Brunswick to see the body but said he did not remember seeing the boy on any trains Saturday night.

A hole was found in the back of his head and one of his feet were cut off.

There was no way to identify the boy as no letters or papers were found about his clothes and only 14 cents and a South Omaha street car transfer were found in his pockets, the transfer having been punched Saturday. The suit he wore bore the name of a clothing house at LaCrosse, Wis.

He was about 5 foot tall and had brown hair and brown eyes and wore a dark blue coat with a white pin stripe and blue serge trousers and a blue shirt and a navy blue cap.

Evidently death had not overtaken the young man very long before he was found. Coroner Hawkins viewed the remains and the body was buried at the infirmary Sunday.

Cemetery News

The Cemetery Association met at the residence of Mrs. Wm. E. Hill July 18th. The following officers were elected.

Mrs. Carrie White, pres.
Miss Anna Rucker vice pres.
Mrs. G. N. Elliott, treas.
Mrs. S. M. White, sec.

The association wish to thank Mrs. Hundley and Miss Sallye Hill for the splendid work they rendered in the rummage sale, they not only gave their time and work but very bountifully of their wares, which enabled us to start with a considerable stock of "Rummage" that netted the association \$152 with what we have on hand for the fence fund have almost enough to order our new fence, we will be glad to have those who did not contribute to the rummage sale or have not donated to the fence in any way to help us along with a liberal donation. We hope to have it here and up before frost falls.

So please help the good cause along.

By Order of Association.
Mrs. S. M. White, Secty.

Mrs. Frank Taylor of Carrollton is visiting relatives here this week.

Lieut. Hill who was expected home from St. Nazaire, France this week, did not sail with his company July 8th but was transferred to another company and will not return to the states until September.

Con Stewart, the job printer of Brunswick, has taken a two weeks vacation, badly needed, to visit his old home in Illinois and a brother at Indianapolis.

Hodges Ewing procured his honorable discharge from the army and came home to the delight of his parents and friends from Newport News Saturday. The young man is in fine condition and has had enough army experience to last him a hundred years.